

directly to the male holotype of *rugulosus*. Both specimens are in good condition, and without any doubt, represent the same species. I have collected this species on numerous occasions in Florida, Mexico, Central and South America and have positively associated the males and females on many occasions. My male homotypes of *rugulosus* and female homotypes of *parallelus* are definitely known to represent males and females of the same species. It is on this basis and on Mr. Browne's observations, that the above synonymy is proposed.

In resolving this problem the assistance of Mr. Browne, in whose taxonomic judgement I have complete confidence, is gratefully acknowledged.

Platypus bellus Schedl

Platypus bellus Schedl, 1933, Rev. d'Ent. 3: 172 (Holotype, male; San Ignacio, Alto Paraná, Argentina; presumably in the Schedl Coll.).

In view of the misidentification of the type of *Bostrichus parallelus* Fabricius, cited above, by Chapuis and subsequent workers, the species they referred to by this name must now become known by the name of the senior synonym, *Platypus bellus* Schedl. Since Schedl's type is not currently available for loan I could not confirm its identity and must refer to Schedl (1960:26).

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LITHOCHARIS ARDENUS SANDERSON IN CALIFORNIA
 (COLEOPTERA:STAPHYLINIDAE)

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Lithocharis ardenus was originally described (Sanderson, 1945, Proc. Ent. Soc. Washington 47:94-97) from New York to Georgia and as far west as Kansas. It was reported from grass cuttings and from lights. It has not been mentioned in the literature since its original description. There are in the collection of the University of California at Riverside, 12 male specimens taken at Orange, Orange County, California by E. F. Legner from accumulated poultry manure on various dates from August through November, 1968 and 1969. Another male is from Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, 12 November 1970, R. F. Wilkey.